

**CM/ECF UPDATE**  
**November 28, 2005**

On October 17, 2005, the court went live on CM/ECF, the same day as the effective date for most of the changes in the law contained in the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (**BAPCPA**). From October 1 through October 16, 2005, a total of 11,385 new cases were filed in this district. The unprecedented number of filings occurred when staff are learning a new docketing and case management system, as well as new interim rules, forms and procedural changes. These changes resulted in a docketing backlog and have greatly impeded our ability to resume a formal external training program before the end of the year. We cannot bring on additional e-filers until the docketing backlog is eliminated and court staff are fully trained on the new system and the requirements of the new law.

In January 2006, we plan on beginning ECF registration **ONLY** for those users who have been trained and are currently filing in other districts. Our CM/ECF training team has compiled a list of these external users and will be contacting them via e-mail issuing a training login/password and assigning proof of proficiency exercises. If you are a registered CM/ECF user in another court and have not notified the clerk's office, please do so by sending an e-mail to our CM/ECF Help Desk address at: [CM/ECF\\_support@flsb.uscourts.gov](mailto:CM/ECF_support@flsb.uscourts.gov)

We expect to resume formal CM/ECF training classes in February 2006. Please continue to check our website for updated registration and training information.

We encourage you to review Administrative Order 05-2 Implementation of Case Management-Electronic Case Files (CM-ECF), the CM/ECF External User's Guide, Web Based Tutorials (WBTs), Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and other training resources available for viewing and downloading on our website, [www.flsb.uscourts.gov](http://www.flsb.uscourts.gov) under the CM/ECF link.

We appreciate your continued patience and support during this challenging time for our court. If you have questions about CM-ECF or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact our Project Manager, Joe Falzone at (305) 714-1894 or our IT Director & Back-up Project Manager, Erwin Ruiz at (305) 714-1855. You may also email us at our CM/ECF Help Desk address: [CM/ECF\\_support@flsb.uscourts.gov](mailto:CM/ECF_support@flsb.uscourts.gov)